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because it was said at the time that they could not get work on the New

York subway.

When the Ancons left New York on October her last voyage from here, on October 17, she was in command of Captain Pietro Massardo. All of her officers, engine room force and members of the crew were Italians who shipped from Italy.

Fine Base for U-Boats.

Next to Gibraltar, Bizerts, Africa, where the survivors were landed, is probably the best lair in the Mediterranean for U-boats to prey on the merchant ships and troop ships of the Allies. Lying opposite the southeast ern point of Sicily, where the African coast swings out until a channel of scarcely 200 miles is left between the mainland and the island, it offers an ideal scare for submarine operations.

mainland and the island, it offers as ideal scene for submarine operations.

Largely because of its strategic situation, Bizerta, next to Toulon, is the greatest French naval base on the Mediterranean. It has a large bay, protected by Cape Blanc, from the storms that blow in from the straits, while about fifty miles to the eastward like the great French commercial ward lies the great French commercial port of Tunis.

Old Steamer Dacia Victim of U-Boat

Algiers, Nov. 9 .- The French steam-

doed and sunk by a German submarine.

The official announcement telling of
the sinking of the Yser read:

"The French ship Yser, formerly the
Dacia, renamed after her sale by the
prize court, was torpedoed while conveying to Bizerta the passengers
saved from the Italian steamer ElisaFrancesca. The entire crew and passengers were landed."

Paris, Nov. 9.—A delayed Havas dispatch from Melilla, Morocco, filed on Friday, gives details of the sinking of the British steamship Woodfield, reported last week. The Woodfield, which was in the British transport services of Penon near the vice, was sunk off Penon, near the Moroccan coast, by a German sub-marine. The crew took to four life-bosts, three of which reached land.

boats, three of the cher was missing.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The Dacia sailed from the United States for Rotterdam as a test to determine the attitude of Great Britain toward changes of registry after the outbreak of hostilities. France, in seizing her, claimed it exposes the national will as registilities. France, in seizing her, claimed it exposes the national will as registered in the elections last May to relate the construction of the strong court and process her practice had not been uniscase her practice with the unless Greece were active with the unless Greece were active with the of the values of the Central Powers would be lost unless Greece were active with the unless of the Central Powers would be lost on the unless Greece were active with the unless of the Central Powers would be lost on the unless Greece were active with the unless of the Central Powers would be lost

of registry had been tacitly acknowledged.

It has generally been considered that a claim for indemnity by the owners of the Dacia would be supported by the State Department. The requisitioning of the vessel for use by the French government, the change of name and her destruction would not affect the status of such a claim. The case now is in the stage of appeal from the prize court decision.

holding the elections without demobilizing the army. Two-thirds of the electrorate would thus be disfranchised. The dashout of the Chamber was foreshadowed in dispatches reaching here earlier in the day. Premier Skouloudis, in an interview in the "Patris," made the open threat, unless the Cabinet was assured a majority. Before the meeting this afternoon, when asked to outline the government's course, he said:

"The question is not formally set."

Unnamed Vessel Abandoned 65 Miles from Sabine Bar.

Galveston, Nov. 9.—An Italian ship, loaded with oil from Port Arthur, Tex., for Italian ports, is aftre at sea, sixty-five miles east of Sabine Bar, and has been abandoned, according to wireless advices received here to-night from the steamer Gulfstream, which is standing by the character of successful to the character of the

ing by.

The crew of the burning vessel has been taken off by the tug Russell. The fire was reported in No. 3 hold, and the name of the ship was not

GREECE'S KING WILL DISSOLVE **CHAMBER TO-DAY**

New Cabinet Recommends Dissolution to Forestall Venizelos.

MAY NOT CALL **NEW ELECTIONS**

Liberals Fear King May Seek to Manipulate Votes for Next Parliament.

[By Cable to The Tribune]

London, Nov. 9 .- King Constantine's iecree dissolving the Greek Parliament

is to be published to-morrow. This decision was arrived at at This decision was arrived at at a meeting of the new Cabinet to-day, held to discuss the terms on which Ventzelos was willing to grant Premier Skouloudis a vote of confidence. The preposals of the ex-Premier, involving either the elimination of the Minister of War or his apology to the Chamber was such that it was felt that

of War or his apology to the Chamber, were such that it was felt that they could not with dignity be accepted by the ministry.

Thus again Greece is torn between the neutralist party, aided by the King and the strong court influences, and the Liberal element, headed by ex-Premier Venizelos, who has been looked upon as the maker of the modern kingdom.

The dissolution of the Chamber, controlled by Venizelos, leaves the Lib-

Algiers, Nov. 9.—The French steam—ship Yser, formerly known as the Dacia, which was seized by a French cruiser last February while carrying a cargo of cotton from the United States to Germany, has been torpeded and sunk by a German submarine. The official announcement telling of the sinking of the Yser read:

"The French ship Yser, formerly the Dacia, renamed after her sale by the prize court, was torpeded while conveying to Bizerta the passengers" to 114.

The new ministry, headed by M. Skouloudis, was pledged to continue the same policy of benevolent neutrality toward the Allies, and against his conception of what were the best interests of Greece, Venizelos might have accepted it, as he did its predecessor.

But Skouloudis made the fatal missible to Car Car Company, which from the first has been building motor lorries for the Minister of War, objectionable to Venizelos because of an insult the exprize court, was torpeded while conveying to Bizerta the passengers.

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As the question of an apology or the removal of the ministry caused the fall of the Zaimis Cabinet, so the same question determined the acceptance of the Skouloudis Ministry.

Venizelos Followers in Dismay.

There is no denying the dismay with which Venizelos' supporters look on the dissolution of the Chamber. Not only does it postpone action by Greece for some months—two at least but for some months—two at least—but the nation's whole future may be com-promised by a Teuton-Bulgar victory, while the chances of fulfilling the na-

made the open threat, unless the Cabrel on any form the status of such a claim.

The Dacia formerly belonged to the Hamburg-American Line. After the Cubrel of hostilities she was purchased by Edward N. Breitung, who changed her registry and made her an American ship. Laden with cotton destined for Germany, she was on her way from the United States to Rotter-dam when picked up at sea by a French cruiser, in February, and taken into Brest.

The seizure was confirmed by a prize court, and her cargo was purchased through a special appropriation, In August the Dacia sappropriation, In August the Dacia was sold through the prize court, and her new French owner renamed her the Yser.

GULF OIL STEAMER

AFIRE; CREW RESCUED

Unnamed Vessel Abandoned 65

Britain Seeks Air Mastery; Builds Great 'Plane Fleet

Feels War Will Be Won by Aviators—Erects Aero Bases Throughout Country-Women Aid Men in

Turning Out Huge Machines. airman is to bring down one of the deadly German craft, and there is little doubt that this hope will be realized if Count Zeppelin's men persist in their By GORDON BRUCE.

London, Nov. 9 .- For the first time since the war began newspaper correspondents have been allowed to inspect the great new aviation centres of the British army. Escorted by War Office officials, we visited to-day several of the principal bases in England. The only possible conclusion after the trip is that Britain has determined on mastery of the air, as of the sea. Further, she is in a fair way to accomplish her end, if, indeed, that is not already the situation.

The strides made in the last year are nothing short of marvellous, and there is little doubt that England to-day has near completion the most wonderful fleet of heavier than air machines in a fear way to accomplish there is little doubt that England to-day has near completion the most wonderful fleet of heavier than air machines in a fear way to accomplish the completion the most wonderful fleet of heavier than air machines in a fear way to accomplete the complete to the fleet of heavier than air machines in a fear way to accomplish the complete the government factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as ment factory is located, we were welcomed by dozens of speedy, as well as comed since the war began newspaper corre- visits.

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fleet of heavier than air machines in existence, not excepting France.

We started early this morning in three government automobiles in charge of Colonel Cormack. The first base visited was Northolt, where a few months ago there was nothing but rolling, vacant land. To-day long lines of modern hangars border the great field, and there are machine shops for experiments and repairs. At this point are not less than forty of the latest type planes, all used in training raw recruits drawn from the regular army under supervision of some of the world's most famous flyers.

Airmen Get Rigid Training.

The training is extremely rigid, and the men are not considered fit for service until they have had about thirty hours of actual instruction in the air, something like seven times the length of schooling the average American pilot receives. If a man cannot show in a very short time that he is capable of making good he is thrown into the discard without ado. There is no time to

kingdom.

The dissolution of the Chamber, conAled by Venizelos, leaves the Libais helpless before the policy of the
ing until the next general election.
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secision by the people very soon. Not
only is it to the King's interest to
postpone a vote as long as possible,
but the calling of new elections would
involve the demobilization of the army.
Sought to Prevent Demobilization.
To prevent the exposure of Greece,
unarmed, in the Balkan turmoll, it was
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the occasion in great haste. All admit
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At this plant I had a first glimpse of women building aeroplanes, a truly re-markable sight. Here and in other fac-tories, as I discovered later, practically all wing covering and other fabric work are done by girls and women. They take to it as ducks to water and do better work more quickly than the men.

Preparing for the Zeppelins. After leaving the Napier plant the arty journeyed to the works of the Aircraft Company, not far from the Hen-don flying grounds. Six giant build-ings take the place of the single small ings take the place of the single small the last that we saw only a thiny fraction of eighteen months ago. Every nook and corner is utilized for machines are turned out in batches of twenty and thirty. The company has just completed a high speed gun which has a remarkable climbing record. It is mounted with a gun of the Lewis to the last we saw only a thiny fraction of the sems possible. But we shall hear from British authorities and is used to the integrable proposed appropriations go through the manufacturer got little satisfaction from Uncle Sam.

As for Zeppelins. The one hope dearest to the heart of every British deep for land and sea.

The last that we saw only a thiny fraction to the means of evading military service. I do not be means of evading military service. A new regulation was issued by the Home Office requiring subjects of the Junited Kingdom who are nineteen years old or more and contemplating the emigration to apply at the Foreign Office for passports. If the passports of the proposed appropriations go through of the niggardly expenditures proposed appropriations go through as will any nation, belittling the importance of an efficient and powerful air factors.

As for Zeppelins. The one hope dearest to the heart of every British fleet for land and sea.

"Please add," said the Premier, "that

sive bloc.

The personal influence of A. J. Guchkoff, Michael Stakovitch, Prince Eugene Troubetzkoy and other newly elected Progressives gives further strength to But Much Remains To Be Done,

When Success Is in Sight Paris, Nov. 9 .- Members of the Rumanian Parliament who are being

interviewed by Premier Bratiano to obtain their views on the international situation have been told that the hypothesis of action against Russia need not be considered, says the Bucharest correspondent of the "Petit Parisien."

Rumania's Sacrifice Ready

"The prohibition of the transit of ammunition to Bulgaria," the Prime Minister is quoted as having said, proves our sympathy for the Entente. I repudiate any policy which expects profits without corresponding sacrifices, but neither will I make sacrifices without the probability of success."

RUSSIAN ATTACKS NEAR RIGA FAIL

Germans Drive Enemy Out of Positions West of Dvinsk.

London, Nov. 9.—The Russian offensive in the Riga district has not slackened in the least. Yesterday attacks were continued to the west and south of the Baltic port and to the west of Jacobstadt and before Dvinsk. After penetrating a portion of the German advance positions west of Dvinsk on Sunday night, the Russians were driven back by a counter attack yesterday, according to the official statement from Berlin to-day.

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TO STOP EMIGRATION OF BRITISH SHIRKERS

Government Has Scheme to Prevent Men Evading Service.

for the plight. However, they were rounded up.

Mistaken for a German.

Then the British captain started to fly the Albatross back to his camp. He pasted a paper over the black cross which marks the German craft and went blithely on his way. As he drew near his base the paper blew off. An ambitious young British subaltern in camp saw the big machine bearing down and sprang into the air to give battle. He won, too, because the captured machine had no more ammunition. Therefore, the captain came to earth. His heart, thumping with pride, the young subaltern rushed up with drawn revolver to take prisoner—his own superior officer.

Late to-night we arrived in London, tired, dirty, but immensely impressed by the ability of the British to rise to tmergencies. Taking into consideration the fact that we saw only a tiny fraction of the aerial service, I do not believe it possible for any other nation to overtake the lead which the British so quietly stole on the world last year.

And all has been done with so little sounding of trumpets that it scarcely seems possible. But we shall hear from it later, and, in my mind, rankled the thought of the niggardly expenditures planned in my own country, even if the London, Nov. 9.-The British govern-nent took to-day its first definite step toward preventing emigration of able-bodied British subjects who in con-siderable numbers have been using this means of evading military service.

pany last Saturday to carry abroad British subjects eligible for military service, the Anchor Line and the White Star Line have adopted an identical course. Other lines are expected to follow.

SERB PROMISES KITCHENER MAY BE ON WAY TO INDIA

ble Assistance.

London, Nov. 9.—Many questions concerning the war were propounded in the House of Commons to-day, but little in the way of new information was brought forth from the government. The Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, made a long statement on the subjectof political conditions in the Balkans and the assistance promised to Serbia by Great Britain.

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Neutrality Still Pro-Ally, Greece's Pledge to France.

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Indian editor said that the Hindus would never rise at the dictation of Turkey, because they were too loyal to Great Britain.

"India," Mr. Rustomjee said, "is ready to send a million men to aid the Allies on the altar of duty and humanity."

Declares M. Thomas.

There have been many rumors lately of impending changes in the Russian Cabinet. It was said in August that Premier Goremykin would retire as Prime Minister and be succeeded by M. Krivoshein.

It was reported from London on October 31 that the Emperor had accepted the resignations of several ministers, including that of M. Krivoshein.

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ITALY TO SEND **ARMY TO SERBS** VIA ALBANIA

Plans to Meet Bulgar Menace on Adriatic, Says Note.

TEUTONS CAPTURE 7,000 SERBIANS

Also Take Fifty Guns at Krusevac-Bulgarians Occupy Leskovac.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Nov. 9.- That Italy will send troops to Albania to aid the Serbs at last seems definitely assured from a semi-official note published in Rome to-

part in the Balkan expedition of the Allies has been altered by the overwhelming success of the Teuton invaders. Specifically it is the Austrian

This new promise of participation in Serbia's relief tempers in some measure The German statement says:
Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: Russian attacks yesterday to the west and south of Riga, to the west of Jacobstadt and before Dvinsk were continued without the Highest Russian and Sir Edward Grey, refused to take part in the Salonica expedition. Dvinsk were continued without the slightest success. During the night of November 7-8 enemy divisions penterated a small portion of our advance position west of Dvinsk. In a counterattack they were driven back. We took one officer and 372 men.

Army group of Prince Leopold: During the night there were engagements between patrols at several points.

Austria Not Short of Troops.

Army group of General von Linsingen: In a successful fight north of Komarow, on the Styr, 387 Russians were captured.

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To-day's Austrian official statement Austria, however, did find troops, not

> centration of an overwhelming force of 130,000 men against her, has valiantly held her own. Massed attacks to-

Krusevac Victory Grows. The extent of the Teuton victory at

The extent of the Teuton victory at Krusevac has grown during the last twenty-four hours. More than fifty cannon, including ten heavy pieces, were captured, while the prisoners taken numbered 7,000. The abandonment of so much material by the Serbs, especially in artillery, in which they were already much inferior, is testimony of the haste with which the retreat has been conducted.

By the seizure of Leskovac, twenty-By the seizure of Leskovac, twenty-

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of Komental.
On the Anglo-French front northwest of Gheygeli, the advance of the
Allies continues and the Bulgarians
now occupy only the village of Ourmandi in Serb territory. The report
that the Bulgars have renewed their
attacks in the region of Prilp is denied. GERMAN OFFICIAL

ne operations in the Baikan theatre:
South of Krallevo and southwest
of Krusevac the enemy has been driven out of his rearguard positions.
Our troops are continuing the advance. The heights near Gyunis, on
the left bank of the Morava, were
stormed.

The army (Bulgarian) of General Boyadjieff on the evening of November 7 had reached the Morava at a point northwest of Aleksinac, which is to the northwest of Nish. Southwest of Nish, in conjunction with other Bulgarian troops advancing from the south, this army has taken Leskovac.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.

From Vienna the following official statement has been received:

Southeastern war theatre: On the Montenegrin frontier the situation is unchanged. One group of Austro-Hungarian troops fighting in Serbia has occupied Ivanjica and another group has ejected the enemy from lyanijica to Kralievo. The German forces have dislodged the enemy from an intrenched position south of Kralievo.

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advancing southward. The Bulgarians have captured Leskovac.

MONTENEGRIN OFFICIAL.

The official statement issued by the Montenegrin War Office to-day is as Important artillery engagements occurred along the entire front on November 7. The army threw for-ward his infantry in attacks at vari-ous points without attaining suc-

French, by Holding Fire, Rout Bulgarian Attack

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

Milan, Nov. 9 (dispatch to "The London Daily News").—Signor Bassi, special correspondent of the "Stampa," has succeeded in reaching the French headquarters at Strumnitza and sends a thrilling account of the Bulgarian attack on the Allied lines on October 24

tion. The terrain where the action eveloped, between Valantero and Stranitza station, is rough and stony and was made more difficult by incessationall. rainfall.

Across this ground, while the artilery maintained a heavy fire, the Bulgarians advanced to attack, four regments strong. They adopted the Geman methods of close formation in a

tack, led by several parties of bom throwers and Macedonian omitaji. throwers and Macedonian omitaji.

The French allowed the enemy to advance without replying. When they were only a few hundred yards away from one end of the French line, there hurst suddenly a hurricane of bullets. The Bulgarian mass of men'was moved down terribly. The advancing line was bent, twisted, and then the French "seventy-fives" entered into action, sending out a storm of shells with uninterrupted fury, while at the same time machine guns were cracking in terrible battle concert.

The Bulgarian advance was immeditured.

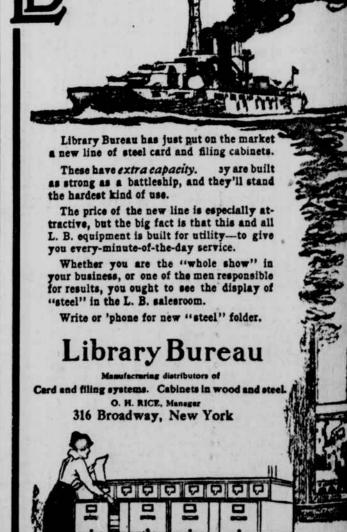
The Bulgarian advance was immedi-tely arrested. The artillery and mi

trailleuses continued pounding the enemy positions until it was seen that the impetus of the attack was broken

preparations for the defence by occupying the heights on the Serbian side of the station. The main line was held by French infantry and zouaves, with Chasseurs d'Afriques as reserves.

General Bailloud's order of the day was: "Keep cover, take great care of your lives, and don't get yourselves shot uselessly, which means, preserve the strength of France and utilize it to good purpose. If at a certain moment it is necessary that you should all be killed be assured that I shall let you know."

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fluenced by attempts to impair their GREY REITERATES

Declares M. Thomas.

Italy's original resolution not to take

path to the Adriatic and Albania. So far Montenegro, despite the con-

ly held her own. Massed attacks today along the whole Montenegrin front,
as reported by the Cettinje official communication, got no further than those
along the Dvina two weeks ago.

With their Queen a daughter of
sturdy King Nicholas, Montenegro's
trials have slways appealed particularly to the Italians, especially as the
mountain kingdom has served as a
buffer state to Austrian designs on the
lower Adriatic littoral. Italian aid now
will thus fulfil a double object.

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The process of consolidating the German gains in the Morava valleys goes on, and Berlin announces to-day the clearing of the Serb heights to the south of Kralievo and southwest of Krusevac, together with those near Gyunis, on the left bank of the Morava. The main line of the Oriental railway, it is also announced, is in operation between Pirot and Nish, while the few remaining miles to the north of the capital will be opened within a few days.

By the seizure of Leskovac, twentyfive miles to the south of Nish, the
Bulgarians have further strengthened
their hold on the railway to Salonica,
which French pressure near Veles is
already trying to pry loose from them.
Practically the whole of old Serbis
is now in the invader's hands, together
with the complete railway system of
the country. Only Macedonia has
been saved to King Peter, and this
largely through the efforts of the
Allies, who have held the Bulgars in
check through the menace of an attack
on their flank.

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That the expeditionary force has been largely increased, is proved by the increased activity along the whole front, and the extension of the French line in the direction of Veles. Berlin newspapers estimate that the troops already landed at Salonica number 300,000 men, but the total is set down here at about half that figure.

Reports from General Serrall's head quarters, by way of Athens, represent the situation as satisfactory from the Allied standpoint. A fresh Bulgarian attack against Krivolak with heavy forces of infantry and artillery is reported to have been repulsed, after which the French occupied the village of Komental.

The Berlin War Office to-night gave out the following official statement on the operations in the Balkan theatre:

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The booty taken at Krusevac was increased to about fifty cannon, including ten heavy pieces. The number of prisoners was increased to

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.

South of Trstnick our battalions are engaged in battle. On the sector of Krallevo a German division is